

## REMARKS

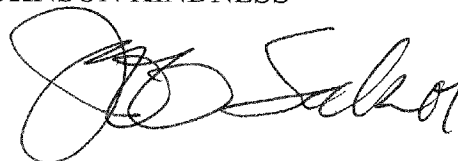
Claims 1-17 are currently pending in this application. In an Office communication mailed on January 4, 2007, Claims 1-17 were allowed except for certain formal matters. Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance.

The Examiner noted that in the third line of Claims 1 and 10, applicants may have intended to recite "a plurality of input ports and a plurality of output ports." Applicant has amended Claims 1 and 10 to state "a plurality of input ports and ***at least one*** output port." Dependent Claims 4-7 and 15 have also been amended to correspond to the new claim language. Applicants submit that the claim language is supported by the specification, page 10, lines 13-15, which states that "it is also possible to just have one [output port] in cases where just one of the inverting output and the non-inverting output is used."

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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